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TRIUMPHANT HOMECOMING OF PLATE BATTLE HEROES: SALUTE TAKEN BY FIRST LORD



Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Hand-To-Hand Fighting On Karelian Isthmus

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — Hand-to-hand fighting in which the Finns are using their pakkas—long knives—as well as bayonets continued today on the Karelian Isthmus.

Although the Finns are not disguising the seriousness of the situation, they are not showing undue alarm. They point out that after two-and-a-half months of fighting, and a loss of about 250,000 men, all the Russians have to show is a preliminary foothold on the outside edge of the Mannerheim Line and a few of wild Finnish territory in the north.

Four regiments of tanks, it is stated, are being used by the Russians on the Isthmus, 150 at Muola and 250 at Suma.

OUT OF ACTION

The Finnish General Staff claim that half the total number of Russian tanks so far used have already been put out of action. The remainder of the tanks, however, are able to advance without any land obstacles in the Suma sector where there is a certain amount of open ground covered with snow which has been trampled down and frozen hard.

Bombs, as well as shells, are still being showered on the Isthmus and on one Finnish coastal port on Lake Ladoga. The Russians have dropped 500 bombs without gaining a single hit.

PRAYING FOR SNOW

The Finns are now praying for a heavy fall of snow which would cripple Russian activity on land and air and give the Finnish soldiers a breathing spell.

Russia is now using men from a wide area for Russian soldiers, recently taken prisoner, come from the Turkish border.

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Exeter Bears Scars Of Fight With Graf Spee

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — H.M.S. EXETER, FLAGSHIP OF REAR-ADmirAL SIR HENRY HARWOOD, K.C.B., BEARING SCARS OF THE BATTLE WITH THE GERMAN POCKET-BATTLESHIP GRAF SPEE IN THE PLATE RIVER IN DECEMBER, SLOWLY AND TRIUMPHANTLY SAILED INTO PLYMOUTH WATERS THIS MORNING TO THE WELCOMING BOOTS OF SHIPS' SIRENS AND FULL-THROATED CHEERING OF THE MASSES OF PEOPLE LINING THE WATERFRONT.

SOON AFTER DAYBREAK THE EXETER DROPPED ANCHOR IN THE SOUND AND SOON THE NEWS SPREAD AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WENT TO THE FAMOUS PLYMOUTH HARBOUR AND ASSEMBLED BY THE STATUE OF SIR FRANCIS DRAKE AND BEGAN THEIR LONG, TUMULTUOUS AND HEARTY WELCOME TO BRITAIN'S MOST MODERN SEA HEROES.

The Exeter was no longer Dunbar-Nasmith, V.C., beside him, the graceful, tall-masted cruiser that set forth before the war. Evidence of her battle with the Graf Spee was in her shortened masts and newly-painted gun turrets.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, took the salute from Mount Wise, with the First Sea Lord, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, G.C.B., the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Western Approaches, Admiral Sir Martin

H.M.S. Exeter.

With the Exeter's band playing "Rule Britannia" in which the thousands on shore joined in, sirens and hooters on every craft in the vicinity added to the terrific volume of the welcome.

Mr. Churchill later boarded

H.M.S. Exeter.

Bitter Nazi Attack On Mr. Churchill

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — A bitter attack on Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was made by the Berliner Boersen Zeitung, commenting on the announcement that all British merchantmen would be armed.

The paper states that armed merchantmen are Mr. Churchill's invention and was devised in the Great War.

"His former secret order, in which he ordered merchantmen not only to defend themselves against U-boats but also to attack them, is well-known.

"Furthermore, long before the outbreak of the present war, British merchantmen have been constructed or adapted in such a way, that guns could immediately be installed.

"Nobody in Great Britain made any secret of it," the paper concludes.

EFFECTIVE REPLY TO GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — The sinking of four U-boats in six days was an effective reply to Germany's declaration that she would sink any neutral ships which calls at a British port.

One of the submarines was sunk after it had torpedoed the British steamer Sultan Star, while another was trapped and sent to the bottom after it had torpedoed the British tanker, British Triumph.

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ANTHONY EDEN IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Secretary, is visiting Palestine and will tour the camp where the Australian forces which recently arrived in the Middle East are undergoing training.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — Reuters' correspondent learns that Mr. Anthony Eden has taken the occasion of his being in Egypt to convey a personal message of a cordial nature from King George to King Farouk.

REGRETS EXPRESSED

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — The newspaper Alahram quotes the Egyptian Prime Minister as saying that, in his message to King George expressed his regrets that the outbreak of war prevented King Farouk and Queen Farida from accepting His Majesty's and Queen Elizabeth's invitation to visit England.

The report adds that His Majesty also expressed appreciation of the co-operation and help given and is still being given by Egypt to her ally and of his complete confidence in an ultimate and decisive victory for the Allies just cause.

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — The French War communiqué issued today states: "Yesterday, at nightfall, in the region to the east of the Saône, there was a local action between contact-units."

BURMA'S SECURITY AS A MEMBER OF BRITISH EMPIRE IS EMPHASISED

RANGOON, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — "Dominion status was not in the nature of a gift or reward conferred on a particular part of the Empire, but a recognition of the fact of the maintenance of good Government brought about by development of the constitution leading to wider powers until a full and responsible self-Government is achieved within the Commonwealth."

Thus declared the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Douglas Cochrane, K.C.S.I., in a speech from the Throne, in which he emphasised Burma's security as a member of the British Empire.

His Excellency added: "When so many small countries have suffered temporary extinction of their



Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, First Sea Lord.

JAPANESE RETREATING TO NANNING AFTER DEFEAT IN PINYANG & WUMING AREAS

LIUCHOW, Feb. 15 (Central) — After their defeat in the Pinyang and Wuming areas, the Japanese troops are retreating toward Nanning.

On the Nanning-Wuming highway, the Chinese are pursuing the enemy and have reached Kaofengnau, 14 miles north of Nanning. To the west of the Nanning-Pinyang highway the Chinese are following closely on the heels of the fleeing Japanese.

Intermittent gunfire is audible in the hilly regions to the north of Nanning, indicating Chinese vanguard action.

AIR CASUALTIES

KUNMING, Feb. 15 (Central) — In addition to one plane shot down, two other machines of a Japanese air squadron raiding the Yunnan Railway on Feb. 13, are believed to have been damaged.

The wreckage of the plane shot down has been located in the southern suburbs of Wenshan, 30 miles east of the railroad, with all its occupants killed. It will be transported to Kunming for exhibition.

JAPAN ATTACKED

LOYANG, Feb. 15 (Central) — The Japanese at Lifeng, west of Tsiaotuo, the coal mining town on the Taikou-Chinghua Railway in North Honan, were enticed on the morning of February 6 by the Chinese to a neighbouring place where they were subjected to a fierce attack. They lost over 100 men and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

Economic measures to secure the purchase of the necessary raw materials would be discussed at the same time.

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JAPANESE THREAT

CHENGCHOW, Feb. 15 (Central) — Another Japanese thrust at the Chinese positions near Tsinyang, on the North bank of the Yellow

Australia To Increase Armament Production

SYDNEY, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — A broadcast states that the Australian Cabinet is meeting to discuss measures for a big increase in the production of arms, ammunition and aeroplanes for Great Britain.

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CHINESE FORCES

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RIVER IN NORTH HONAN, HAS BEEN CRUSHED WITH SERIOUS LOSSES.

Chinese forces have staged a series of raids on Taikang south of the Lungshu Railway in east Honan. Japanese reinforcements from Tungshu, northwest of Taikang, were beaten back.

WEST SUIYUAN

TUNGSHENG, SUIYUAN, Feb. 15 (Central) — In a counter-stroke Chinese forces in West Suiyuan succeeded in piercing into Linho, south-west of Wuyuan, on Monday night.

The Japanese were defeated and fled in the direction of Wuyuan, abandoning over 600 bodies, 198 motor lorries and a quantity of war supplies. The Chinese are "mopping up" the remnant Japanese around the town.

A Chinese force is threatening the Japanese bases of operations at Paotow and Kweisui.

RESIGNATION OF BULGARIAN CABINET

FOR WAR DEPARTMENT

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — The Bulgarian Cabinet has resigned. King Boris has instructed the Minister for Education to form a new Government.

From the Maharaja of Bhavnagar two lakhs (200,000) of rupees and the work shops of Bhavnagar State Railway for the manufacture of munitions and other articles useful in the prosecution of the war.

From the Maharaja of Rewa food and agricultural produce, valued at one lakh, for the defence of India service or for export.

From the Maharaja of Dewas an ambulance unit with 32 stretcher bearers, an Indian officer and sub-assistant surgeon.

From the Nawab of Kurwa 2,500 rupees for aid of British wounded.

From the Maharaja of Cochin one lakh of rupees and 2,000 rupees each to the Indian Red Cross and St. Dunstan's Hostel.

From the Maharaja of Jaisalmer 5,000 rupees for the War Department and 1,000 rupees each to the Indian Red Cross and St. Dunstan's Hostel.

From the Maharaja of Bikaner, in addition to previous donations, 1,000 maunds (80,000 lb.) of babul tree bark for munitions.

From the Mir of Hunza 2,000 rupees.

A Sikh living in Teheran, has given 5,666 rupees, a Mohammed, Elias Khan, living in the Netherlands, 42 rupees, and Mr. P. Chacko, a Pothan, a second consignment of 500 lb. of tea for the troops.

There are a large number of recurring contributions from one rupee monthly upwards while several sums from humble donors are earmarked for the aid of British wounded.

The approximate totals now stand at 50 lakhs of rupees non-recurring and 34 lakhs of rupees recurring.

FROM ARGENTINE

The Chairman of the British Community Council in the Argentine has despatched to England a sum of £20,000 from funds subscribed by the British community.

Provision had been made in the 1939 estimates for the expenditure of £35,000 on a new launch to replace Police launch No. 10. A contract for the construction, at a

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Burgerdijk Sinking Revelation

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15 (Reuter) — The Captain of the Dutch liner Burgerdijk revealed in a press interview that the U-Boat instructed the wireless operator to send out an SOS that the ship was sinking after a collision. The U-Boat ordered the captain and crew to take to the boats then torpedoed her.

The Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten reports that Germany is now blaming Holland for the sinking of the Burgerdijk.

He states that in authoritative German circles it is claimed that any neutral ship submitting to enemy control or zigzagging on her course may legitimately be sunk whether she is carrying contraband or not, says a Reuter message.

In discussing an item for 14,000 for a Beckwith for bell for Lam Tong Island to replace the bell which was found missing on Dec. 28 last during the course of a routine visit, Sir Henry Pollock asked how often these routine visits were made and it was revealed that the previous visit was made on Oct. 27 when the bell was found intact.

ASSURANCE ASKED

Sir Henry then enquired what steps were being taken to prevent the bell from being stolen and asked for an assurance from the Government that adequate steps will be taken to see that this is done. The Colonial Secretary said

Mr. Hsu, Shih-ying, acting Chairman of the National Relief Commission, left the Colony for Chungking yesterday morning by plane. Mr. Hsu arrived in Hong Kong from the Chinese wartime capital last month and attended the annual meeting of the Chinese Red Cross Society held here

assured.

Central Europe is still experiencing Arctic weather and a blizzard has stopped all Hungarian railway traffic. Snow is now falling in Budapest.

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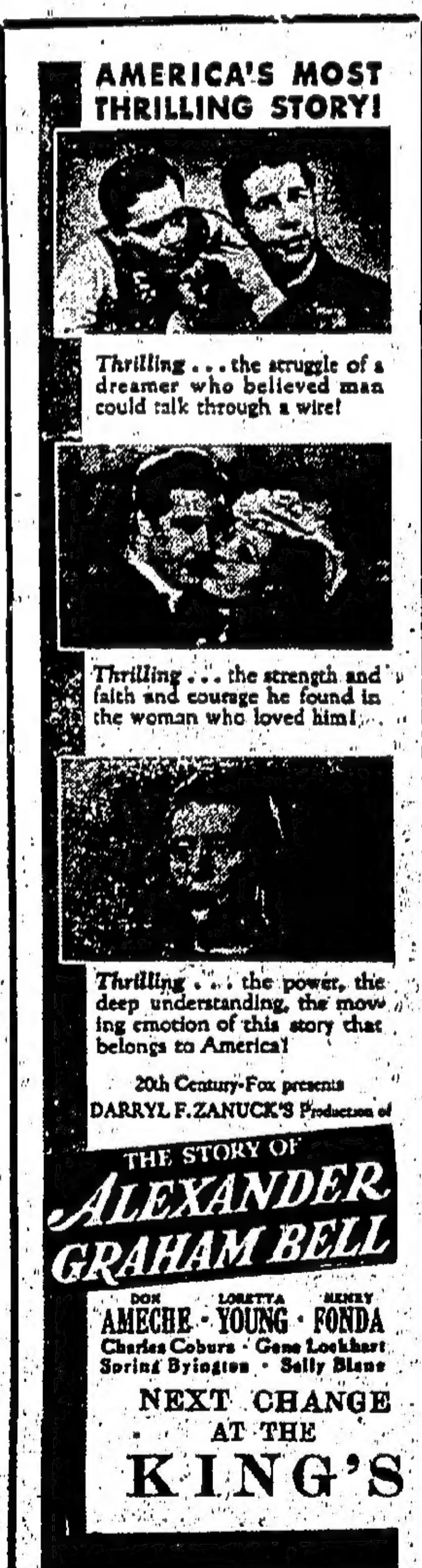
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FEATS OF ENDURANCE, PATIENCE AND SKILL BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

LONDON, Feb. 15 (BWS)—The difficulties, discomforts and dangers which face crews of the Royal Air Force aircraft who have taken aerial photographs of Germany, now being published, are revealed in records kept by the personnel engaged in these flights.

Since the outbreak of war R.A.F. reconnaissance machines have visited key points in all parts of the Reich as well as German islands.

THE WEATHER

Weather plays the foremost part in their difficulties. On a single flight one aircraft encountered first lightning and then a snow-storm. At 20,000 feet ice formed on the air screws.

A pilot took off his glove for a moment to adjust the controls and was frostbitten. Ice formed in masses on the wings of one aircraft at 1,000 feet while on its way to Munich.

Ice completely covered the front windows of the cabin and there was extensive ice formation on the main wings. Ice could be heard coming off the blades of the air screws and striking the sides of the nose of the aircraft. Continuous movement of the controls was advisable to prevent them freezing up.

FROST-BITE

Some members of the crew were in such pain from frost-bite that they batted their hands on the floor and navigation table. It is in such conditions that R.A.F. airmen collect information and photograph towns, fortresses, transport routes and naval and

NO DECISION YET: U.S. EMBARGO ON EXPORTS TO JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has postponed formal consideration of the proposals for an embargo on exports to Japan, but Senator Pittman predicted that the embargo resolution would be approved by the Committee at this session.

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Record Revenue From Rents: Humphrey's Est. Meeting

A RECORD REVENUE FROM RENTS WAS REVEALED IN THE BALANCE SHEET OF HUMPHREY'S ESTATES AND FINANCE CO., Ltd., which was submitted at the Company's annual general meeting, held yesterday morning, in the Hongkong Hotel.

Mr. D. E. Clarke, chairman, presided, and was assisted by Mr. J. L. Quie, secretary, and the others present were Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. M. Alves and H. V. Wilkinson (Directors); Mrs. D. Cowen, and Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, W. J. Hansen, and C. Bernard Brown (Shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts for the last year, the Chairman said, in part: The profit for the year, viz., \$201,588.67, can, I think, be considered satisfactory—as, excluding the profit on sale of land shown in the previous year's accounts, this figure is some \$22,000 higher.

All flats and houses were fully occupied during the year. The twelve additional flats in Argyle Street referred to in my speech last year were completed on Nov. 15 last, and our rent roll was augmented by receipts from that date. These twelve flats have been leased to the Military Authorities as officers' quarters, and I may mention that the construction and general lay-out have been very favourably commented upon. The demand for flats both in Hongkong and Kowloon still continues.

Referring to the debit side of Profit and Loss Account, most items are very similar to the previous year's account, although repairs show a small increase. On the other hand, Rents at \$313,921.63 are a record for the Company—this being due to the larger amount invested in Property.

CROWN LEASES

The subject of expiring crown leases is very much in the minds of property owners these days, and although we are not immediately affected, there is no doubt that an early and equitable settlement of this question is very desirable.

It may be of interest to shareholders to learn our position as regards Crown Leases held for 75 years with no renewal clause. We have one small property with 23 years of the term still unexpired, and another larger

property with 33 years unexpired. All our other properties held under this type of lease have 38 years still to run before expiry.

ALLOCATION OF PROFITS

I think I have dealt with the accounts as fully as possible, and trust you will approve of the proposed allocation of profits available. You will note it is proposed to transfer a sum sufficient to bring Building Improvement Reserve Account up to \$75,000.00. It is felt that the interior of some of our older properties need modernising, and it is proposed to proceed as opportunity offers with improvements in this direction.

I now propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted and that the balance of Profit & Loss available be appropriated as follows:—Pay a dividend of 7% on 200,000 shares \$40,000.00, Transfer to General Reserve \$25,000.00; transfer to Building Improvement Account \$25,380.00, (bringing same up to \$75,000.00); transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account \$11,380.00, (bringing same up to \$15,000.00); Carry forward \$36,539.53. Total, \$239,915.18.

The report and accounts were duly seconded and carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The retiring Directors, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, J. M. Alves and H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.C., were re-elected, in a proposal by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Wilde.

Mr. J. E. Jupp moved and Mr. Lee seconded that Messrs. Percy, Smith and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davies be re-elected auditors at a fee of \$600 each.

ARRIVALS BY AIR MAIL

Mr. J. S. Stewart and Mr. E. W. Watkins, both of the staff of Imperial Airways, were arrivals in the Colony by the Imperial Airways plane Dorado yesterday. The plane brought 183 kilos of mail.

PHYSICAL CULTURE INSTITUTE

2ND. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

The second anniversary of the Hongkong Physical Culture Institute was celebrated yesterday at the Confucius Hall when an inspection was carried out by the Hon. Director of Medical Services and Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke.

The Institute which was formally opened on March 25 last year has shown considerable improvement in dietary experiments of physical culture.

By the kind permission of Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, the boys' blood and faces were examined free twice during the first six months by the Government Bacteriological Institute. Mrs. Wang Siu-fong, who acted as Honorary Adviser analysed the nutritive value of one of the menus for the boys.

THANKS EXPRESSED

Dr. S. W. Ts'o, C.B.E., LL.D., introducing Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, said that the Committee of the Institute thanked the visitor who had come to make an inspection.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke said that the Institute, which had the able guidance of their Honorary Advisers, had improved immensely.

The students had improved considerably in health. In conclusion, he wished the Institute another very successful year.

Amongst those present were Messrs. Ip Lan-chuen, Tong Yin-hang, Lui Yau-suen and Fung Ki-chuk.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

The annual dinner and dance of Cymdeithas Dewi Sant (St. David's Society) Hongkong, will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, Mar. 1.

Reservations (\$5 a cover) may be booked through the Hon. Secretary, 3, Ventris Road, or the Hongkong Hotel. There will be dancing from approximately 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For failing to draw his car close up to the left side of the road while stopping, V. M. Bendwell, of Sanitary Department, was fined \$2 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday.

At the Central Court yesterday.

Mr. C. P. Wong presided and there was a large gathering of members and guests.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB ADDRESS:

CHINESE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF P.I.

"There is no other race whose blood has been so intermixed with that of the Filipinos as the Chinese" said Mr. William Yinson Lee, in his address to the Hongkong Y's Men's Club, at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

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CLOSE TIES

Dealing at length with the close ties between the Philippine Islands and China, which have remained unbroken throughout the ages, Mr. Lee said that Chinese intermixture with the Filipino was widespread throughout the country and the present-day Filipino had absorbed so much of the Chinese mode of thought that it had become part of his life.

The moral characteristics of the Chinese had likewise been transmitted to the Filipino, most notably the qualities of thrift, industry, tolerance. These were qualities which contrasted strongly with the lack of foresight usually exhibited by races of pure Malay origin.

CONDITIONS IN ISLANDS

Tracing the intercourse between the two countries during the last six centuries, Mr. Lee described how the Filipinos had regained their freedom without rebellion or even asking for it, and gave his listeners an untainted picture of conditions in the Islands today.

He said that the Chinese Filipino-Association was best known in trade and agriculture.

The Chinese had contributed largely to the agricultural development of the country; in fact, the whole economic life of the Philippines had been permeated by the Chinese and Chinese business investments there today exceeded one hundred-million pesos (U.S. \$50,000,000) which represented 60 per cent. of the total investments in commerce and industry.

lead Chinese banking to the forefront.

A few years ago the Chinese controlled a large percentage of the retail trade of the Islands, but this percentage had now dropped considerably owing to Japanese competition.

The Chinese contributions to the development of the Philippines might be summarized as follows:

They served as economic investors; they owned vast investments in commercial and industrial enterprises; they were the dominant element in the retail trade; they were providers of credit facilities to farmers and businessmen; and they were the infusers of race quality into the Filipinos as a result of inter-marriage.

These contributions had resulted in mutual benefits to both peoples who for six centuries had been bound by ties of goodwill and friendship.

He paid a tribute to Mr. Kwang-son Young, the Chinese Consul-General, for maintaining unity among the various sections of the Chinese communities, whose main contention is in vieing with each other in raising patriotic funds.

In conclusion he said that Manila is a wonderful place for a short holiday, an ancient city in a modern setting, with fine motor roads everywhere, and the people are extremely hospitable.

CHINESE ART ON FANS

The third annual exhibition of Chinese art on fans, which will be

continued today and tomorrow,

began yesterday at the Fung Ping Shan Library.

Mr. Ho Lai, former Commander of the Police Force in Canton, made a short speech at the opening. Prof. Hsu Ti-shan thanked the speaker and welcomed those present.

GENERAL

BENCH AND BAR PAY TRIBUTE TO LATE MR. P.M. HODGSON

A high and sincere tribute was paid to the late Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, solicitor, by Bench and Bar at an assembly of the Full Court yesterday morning.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, sat with Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, and there were present a large number of members of both branches of the legal profession, and officials of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice said:—

Before dealing with the ordinary business of the day, it is only fitting that I should say a few words about the sudden death of Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson, to whom so many of us paid out last tributes and respects at his funeral yesterday evening. We all know Mr. Hodgson: know him and well, and there is not one of us here, I am sure, who does not love and respect him.

He served a long apprenticeship with the law for 33 years, 33 of which he spent in this Colony, in private practice, as Acting Crown Solicitor and as legal adviser to a large corporation.

He was a man of unscrupulous honour, a man of the most lovable quality: one whose loss we all feel, and feel deeply in many days to come.

I know it is the wish of every one of us that I should publicly express from this Bench, on behalf of my brother Judges and myself, how greatly we mourn his passing and in what full measure our sympathy goes out to his widow, who is now on the way to this Colony.

On behalf of the Bar and the Colonial Legal Service, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C., Attorney General, associated himself with the remarks of the Chief Justice, and added that he had had the privilege of knowing Mr. Hodgson for over 30 years.

DR. S. W. TS'O

Dr. S. W. Ts'o, C.B.E., LL.D., with whom the late Mr. Hodgson had been in partnership, said: I feel deeply and appreciate very much the very kind references by your Lordships and the Attorney General to my late partner, Mr. Hodgson, and the kind sympathy and condolences to his family.

Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton said: On behalf of the junior branch of the profession, to which our late friend Mr. Hodgson belonged, I would like to associate myself and the junior members of the profession with all that have fallen from your Lordship's lips and from the lips of the Attorney General.

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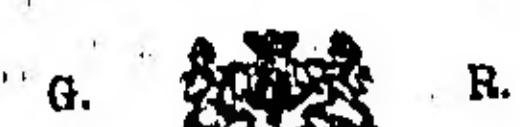
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



NOTICE.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS
DURING THE RACES.

I. It is hereby notified that on the days fixed for the Annual Race Meeting at Wong-Nei-Chong (February 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th), the following Regulations, under Ordinance No. 2 of 1869, will be in force:—

1. All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nei-Chong will proceed clockwise round Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chong Road to the entrance gates.
2. Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.
3. Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.
4. Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying on or near the Race Course is liable to be destroyed.

NOTE.—Kennedy Road will be open to light motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

II. Extra Race Meeting during the year 1940—On days fixed for Extra Race Meetings.

One way traffic will be enforced in Wong-Nei-Chong Road. Kennedy Road will not be open to motor traffic.

PARKING OF CARS AT THE RACE COURSE.

1. The Stand at the public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards and Officials only.

2. Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.

3. Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police:
Hong Kong, 16th Feb. 1940.

ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th February (RACE MEETING).

Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1940.

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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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SUBMARINE WAR
ON NEUTRALS

IF GERMANY has really embarked once again, as in 1917, on unrestricted submarine warfare against neutral shipping in an effort to cut off Britain's trade, she has chosen a course fraught with many dangers for herself.

QUITE APART from the arguments she may offer in justification, it is undeniable that no measure is more likely to stir up non-belligerent sentiment against her. The United States Government is already extending considerable aid to the Allies and that the extent of such aid is limited only by the popular demand that the country stay out of Europe's wars. Interference with American shipping to neutral ports and the death of American seamen could be made to play the same role in internal agitation as the sinking of the Lusitania in the last war.

HITLER MAY be basing himself, however, on the undeniable hardship caused to Britain during the "black days" of 1917 on the one hand, and the different official interpretation of American neutrality on the other. Secretaries of State Hull has announced that, where it is adjudged that American ships were jeopardized by being forced into dangerous waters as a result of the British blockade, Britain and Germany will be held equally responsible for their loss at the hands of the Nazis.

SINCE BRITAIN is not likely to waive her claim to search and, if necessary, bring into her own ports any shipping on which she wishes to keep a check, the situation that has now arisen leaves neutrals with only two alternatives. Either they must travel by devious routes to dodge the blockade, a highly difficult business, or they must place themselves under the protection of British convoys, because, though this would render them liable to be treated as belligerents, it would at least offer more safety than lonely cruising in submarine-infested waters.

DA SILVA.—On Feb. 6, 1940, at the Paulin Hospital, Shanghai, Maria Ermilia (Mallie) da Silva, aged 22 years, the dearly-beloved daughter of Mrs. G. V. Lumsdaine, of Shanghai, to John Bernard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Winter, of Dagworth, Suffolk.

DEATHS

WINTER—LUMSDAINE.—On Feb. 8, 1940, at 20 Hollyleath, Hungtiao Road, by the Rev. Roy R. Marken, U.S.N., Virginia Gladys, daughter of Mrs. G. V. Lumsdaine, of Shanghai, to John Bernard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Winter, of Dagworth, Suffolk.

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LING.—On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1940, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Shanghai, Jessie Ling, aged 49 years, the dearly-beloved wife of Charlie Ling and daughter of Mrs. Annie Dooly.

MANDELKOFF.—On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1940, at Shanghai, George William Mandelkoff, aged 25 years, the dearly-beloved son of Mrs. Marie Mandelkoff and brother of Mrs. John Slack, Mrs. M. Tremewan, August and Charles.

ALLEGED STOLEN PROPERTY

Receiving Charge
Against Broker

Kwok Shun-chuen, alias Kwok Kau, unemployed broker, appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday charged with four counts of receiving stolen property, 175 reels of newsprint valued at \$14,750, the property of the Ta Kung Pao, between December 7 and January 12.

Mr. Peter H. Sin appeared for the complainant, while Mr. M. A. da Silva was for the defence and pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Sin told the Court that a clerk, formerly employed by the journal, stole the reels of newsprint and absconded from the Colony.

DEFENDANT ARRESTED

The company made inquiries and found that the defendant had, at various times, taken the paper and stored it at the Wing On Company godown in his name. The defendant was then arrested.

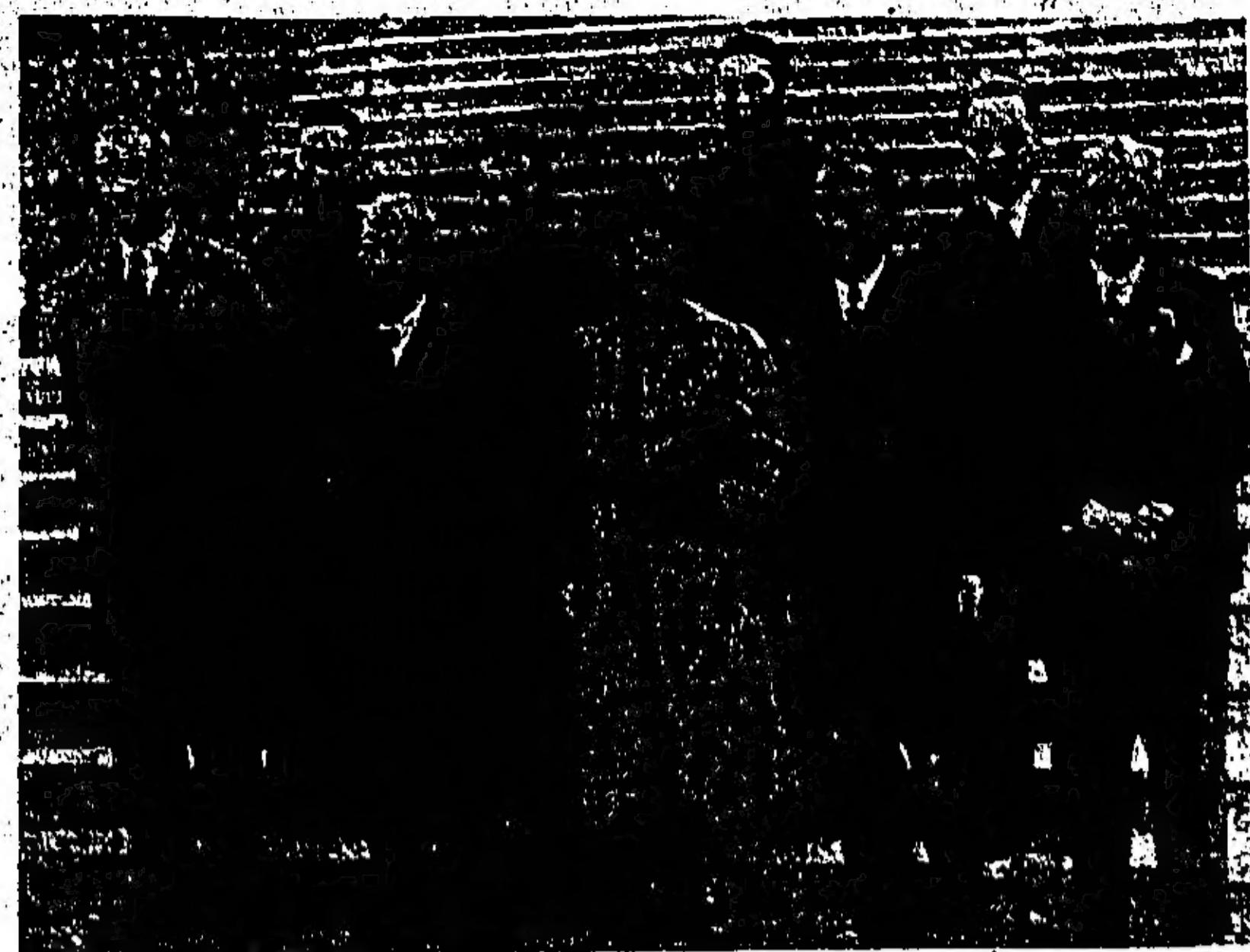
Mr. C. H. Blake, who is in charge of the Holt's Wharf godown, Kwok Ka-nin, clerk employed at the Wing On Company godown, and Tee Tao-peng, secretary of the Ta Kung Pao, gave evidence and the hearing was adjourned to February 22.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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EDITORIAL



Picture taken yesterday at the Physical Culture Institute. On the extreme left is the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selywn-Clarke with Dr. S. W. Ts'o, C.B.E., on his left. Mrs. Selywn-Clarke is in the centre.

SECOND PHASE OF WAR
IMMINENT: MASSIVE
BLOW IS LIKELY SOON

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—"The second phase of the war will soon begin," said Sir Edward Grigg, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information, speaking at Altrincham, Lancashire, yesterday.

Herr Hitler, he said, might launch a great offensive or might hold his hand. If Herr Hitler took the former course, he said, the British people would rise to the occasion as they always had done in the past.

Germany had the advantage of a much longer preparation in time of peace and her stock of munitions were certainly very large, he continued.

It would be significant indeed if she failed to deliver a carefully prepared and massive blow.

FOUR THINGS

Four things, he added, were needed for victory.

They were rapid expansion of the Allied fighting forces already formidable though they were vastly increased; output of munitions; strong national finances, and a buoyant export trade.

LONDON GAZETTE

Supplement to Gazette of Friday, Jan. 25.

REGULAR ARMY

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Lt.-Cols. on completion of service as Regt. Lt.-Cols. remain on full pay (supernumerary); C. F. K. Marshall, Oct. 31, 1939; W. B. Mackie, Jan. 1; B. E. Floyd, Jan. 1; D. A. Buchan, Jan. 1; G. F. Campbell, Jan. 1.

INFANTRY

R. Scots.—Lts to be Capts: Jan. 28, T. R. Broughton, C. W. MacRitchie; Jan. 29, G. G. Robson 2nd Lt. G. D. Dunlop to be Lt. Jan. 28.

ARMY EDUCATIONAL CORPS

Maj. H. F. D. Turner retires (age limit), Jan. 29, 2nd Lts, to be Lts: W. S. Mullin, P. R. Marshall, Jan. 28.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S L.M. NURSING SERVICE

Sisters resign appts: Miss L. E. Day, Jan. 25; Miss M. M. Stewart, Jan. 31. Staff Nurses to be Sisters: Miss A. F. Adamson, Dec. 3, 1939 (with seny below Miss D. Bolland); Miss M. A. Beardall, Dec. 7, 1939. Prov'l Staff Nurses confirmed in appts: Miss J. S. Mowat, Miss E. Conner.

Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, January 23.

WAR OFFICE, JAN. 26

His Majesty The King is graciously pleased to approve the promotion of Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals and The Royal Scots (Royal Regiment) Controller, Auxiliary Territorial Service; Commandant-in-Chief, The British Red Cross Society; to be Chief Controller, Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Col. (temp. Brig.) M. D. Gambier-Parry, M.O., is apptd. A.D.C. to The King (Dec. 13, 1939); vice Col. (temp. Brig.) F. E. Hotblack, D.S.O., M.C., promoted.

REGULAR ARMY

Col. (Local Maj.-Gen.) C. A. Bird, to be Maj.-Gen. (Oct. 1, 1939) with seny. Jan. 4, 1938; Lt.-Col. E. G. Turner, D.S.O., from R.A.V.C., to be Col. (Jan. 18) with seny. Jan. 1, 1938.

COMMANDERS AND STAFF

Col. (temp. Brig.), F. E. Hotblack, D.S.O., M.O., from Brig. to be spec. emp'd; and to be Maj.-Gen. (Dec. 13, 1939) with seny. June 20, 1938. (Substituted for the notifn. in the Gazette of Dec. 5, 1939).

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Maj. to be Lt.-Col.: (Oct. 31, 1938); L. G. R. F. H. Bell, M.C. (Jan. 1); C. M. Churcher, M.C.; J. H. B. Birbeck (Jan. 11); W. A. Fawcett (Jan. 17); F. E. Elliott.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1940.

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY IS
NOT TO MOVE AS WHOLE
INTO CHINA INTERIOR

BY GEORGE A. TARARIN

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS

"If we move at all, we will just move the College of Agriculture," said President Lee, of Lingnan University, in reply to a query as to whether it was true that the Lingnan University was planning to leave its present quarters at Hongkong University for the interior of China.

With the above statement, President Lee dispelled the persistent rumours current in Hongkong to the effect that Lingnan University, with its respective colleges, was going to move as a whole into Free China.

Once forced to evacuate its beautiful campus and buildings in Canton, after the city had fallen to the Japanese in October 1938, Lingnan University resumed academic activities within a month on the premises of Hongkong University, through the kindness of His Excellency the Governor, concurrently Chancellor of Hongkong University, and the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. D. J. Sloss.

Ever since the two universities have been carrying on as usual, with the Hongkong University holding regular day-time classes and Lingnan using the same buildings for late afternoon and evening courses.

Whether or not Lingnan's College of Agriculture will move depends upon many considerations, the chief among them being political. According to President Lee, the Lingnan University authorities planned to transfer the Agricultural College to a locality near Kukung (Sukwan), in northern Kwangtung, but the plan had been indefinitely deferred on account of the recent Japanese war activities in that area. "We will see how the war develops in Kwangtung," added the President.

President Lee is of the opinion that most of the agricultural students will go with their college to Kwangtung, when it moves.

"There is a great opportunity for them in Kwangtung, which needs agricultural students."

MANY QUESTIONS

Since the students don't know the difficulties involved in moving, many questions and factors have to be considered before anything is done in this respect, said the President. They are:

Permission and sanction of the Chinese National Government at Chungking.

Choice of a suitable site and quarters.

Safety of students and faculty from bombings and ravages of war.

Way of communications.

Financial outlay and expenses of moving.

Student health.

Significant are the words of the President when he said, "We want to try to have our students participate in this war of resistance... the spiritual baptism of fire. That is the chief motive for moving. We think we can help the country by moving the Agricultural College first."

When asked as to whether any other part of Lingnan University was to be moved, the President replied there were no such plans at the present.

What is the attitude of the Lingnan University student body towards this potential question?

A QUESTIONNAIRE

Absolutely on its own initiative, and having no connexion whatever with the university authorities, the Lingnan University Student Union issued an interesting questionnaire to find out the concensus of opinion among Lingnan men and women students and faculty, regarding the moving of the university into the interior.

Mr. and Mrs. Evison, who were married recently, are leaving for South China shortly. Mr. Evison had been connected with Church work in various parts of China before the hostilities and arrived at Hongkong two-and-a-half years ago. He has since been associated with local missionary work.

A dinner party was held at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home last night when the presentation was made by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

Mr. A. T. Edwards congratulated the couple on behalf of the congregation and Mr. Evison suitably replied.

Nazi - Soviet Military
Pact Reported

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—It is reported here that a Nazi-Soviet military agreement has been signed and will become effective if the war spreads to the Balkans, Near East or Scandinavia.

Reports of a military agreement are not confirmed in Berlin, where some quarters suggests that the rumours were "prepared in London to frighten Scandinavia."

Hitler Orders Pitiless Warfare On Virtually All Neutral Ships

Nazi Excuse For "Blank Cheque" For Destruction

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—New instructions that mean pitiless warfare on virtually all neutral vessels have been sent to German submarine commanders, according to news reaching here from Berlin.

The Dutch vessel, *Bergerdijk*, which was sunk on Feb. 12, is believed to be the first victim of these new measures.

BITTER COMMENT BY NEUTRALS

OSLO, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—Germany's ruthless war on neutral shipping continues to draw bitter comment from neutral newspapers.

The leading Norwegian newspaper, "Tidenskrift," makes a drastic suggestion that the powers in Oslo must stop trading with Germany unless the Reich guarantees the lives of Scandinavian seamen.

NAZI EXCUSE

The latest German excuse that neutral ships may be sunk even when they are being taken compulsorily to an Allied contraband control harbour is rejected by this newspaper, which says that if Germany continues to adopt this attitude the neutrals will have to revise their attitude toward the Reich.

This German claim was repeated yesterday when it claimed that the sinking of the Dutch vessel, *Bergerdijk*, was legal.

The Captain of this ship stresses the fact that the U-boat commander refused to examine his papers.

BRITISH PLANS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—"We are ceaselessly engaged with plans for putting into execution defensive measures and counter-measures. These can only be judged by results," declared Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, when asked in the House of Commons today whether he had taken adequate measures for the defence of trawlers and fishing boats.

Mr. Churchill added that he hoped that a very great measure of protection would be afforded to men in the North Sea in a very short time.

Naturally attacks on unarmed and small vessels could not have been expected, but it now appears that every small vessel must be effectively armed to resist murder.

AMERICAN SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—Government quarters state that U-boats could legally sink an American ship which was forced into British control port only after it had been ascertained that the vessel's cargo exceeded fifty per cent of contraband destined for Germany's enemies.

Little concern is shown by the authorities at the statement by a Berlin spokesman in defending and saying that American ships, holding the same status, would be fair victims.

SEQUEL TO SPEECH BY DR. GOEBBELS

ZURICH, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—A big campaign in Germany, against the freedom of the neutral press, is expected to follow Dr. Goebbels' speech, according to the *Neue Zuercher Zeitung*'s Berlin correspondent.

REASON FOR OUTBURST
The reason for Dr. Goebbels' outburst is believed to be primarily the indignation aroused in Scandinavia and Holland by the submarine campaign against neutrals.

This correspondent says that the satisfaction felt over the neutral shipping losses can be clearly read between the lines of the German press.

The German public are not allowed to know that the ships are being torpedoed without warning.

LAMAS PRAY FOR CHINA

LHASA, Feb. 15 (Central)—More than 30,000 lamas participated in a religious service at the Ta Chao Lamasery here yesterday to pray for China's victory.

Gen. Wu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, who is here as a special envoy to attend the enthronement of the 14th reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, was present at the service. He made huge cash donations to the lamas.

The Telegraaf's Berlin correspondent, reporting what he was told at the Wilhelmstrasse, formulates the German standpoint as follows: "If a neutral ship is homeward bound or bound for a neutral country, it will be torpedoed if it has contraband aboard."

BLANK CHEQUE

The correspondent believes that the commander of the submarine which sank the *Bergerdijk* could not have acted on his own responsibility since the action was opposed to all traditions of the German Navy. Hence he must have been acting on instructions amounting to a sort of a "blank cheque" for destruction.

The Germans say that the British must hold up ships to search them at sea instead of taking them to a control point in the Downs.

TERrible PROSPECT

Dutch ships are thus faced with the prospect of being mercilessly torpedoed without explanation if they enter Britain's sphere of sea control which, practically speaking, extends over the whole world.

Theoretically, American ships touching at Gibraltar are liable to be torpedoed under the new rule. Feeling in Holland is particularly bitter that Germany persistently picks out small neutrals for attacks and leaves the big ones alone.

STORE-KEEPER LOST

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—The engine room store-keeper who went up to the star-board engine room tunnel just before the ship was struck was the only member of the crew of the Sultan Star who was lost.

Seventy-two survivors were landed at a West England port today two of whom were suffering from slight head injuries.

The Captain said: "The wireless operator stayed at his post until the ship's funnel was under water and was then picked up by one of the ship's boats."

Chinese Unity Will Persist Despite Japanese Statecraft

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—It is probably true in Japan that they no longer expect victory, either through battle or seizure of territory, writes the Manchester Guardian. Their hope is that China will fall to them at last by sheer exhaustion and disunity.

The sufferings of China have certainly been immense and may be worse. Nevertheless, so greatly are the rulers and people changed since the days when they were the tools of any strong unscrupulous foreign power, that their essential unity persists despite everything the Japanese can do.

What their aims have not accomplished, the Japanese think they can achieve by statecraft.

The plan is simplicity itself. Generalissimo Chiang surrenders and becomes, with Wang, Yangtsepo and Chapel today as the Japanese decision that no passes would be required for these areas come into effect.

The majority are visiting the areas for the first time in two-and-a-half years since the start of the local hostilities in 1937.

JAPAN'S MAN-POWER DRAINED BY THE WAR

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15 (Central)—A foreigner who has just returned to Shanghai from a trip to Japan stated that the war is heavily draining Japan's manpower.

According to information he gathered, conscription has been held in Japan up to 38 times since the beginning of the war. Able-bodied men between 25 and 33 remaining in the country are now only about 15 per cent of the total population.

Qualifications for conscripts have been lowered in order to draft more men.

With large numbers of men away fighting women are doing most of the work.

JAPAN AND ANTI-COMINTERN PACT

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—The Government has no intention of seceding from or denouncing the Anti-Comintern Pact, declared Mr. Arita, Foreign Minister, answering questions on the Tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact in the House of Representatives.

BOMBING OF ITALIAN MISSION

JAPANESE PLANES RESPONSIBLE

CHUNGKING, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—An alleged official document, which was received from the Italian Catholic Mission in Hanchung, South Shensi, is stated to confirm that Japanese aircraft, and not Chinese, as previously reported, were responsible for the two bombings of this city last October.

RADIO REPORT

The document states: "Two months after the raids, a radio station in Germany, quoting a despatch from Rome, broadcast news to the effect that Chinese planes were responsible for bombing the Catholic Mission buildings in Hanchung on Oct. 25 and 30. This report was picked up by a reliable news agency and relayed around the world."

"When this Mission read the report, it wrote to the local Chinese authorities testifying that the report was without foundation.

"The Mission also requested the Italian Government to file a protest with the Japanese Government for its indiscriminate destruction of third-power property."

HEAVY CASUALTIES

Thirty-five Japanese planes are said to have bombed Hanchung on Oct. 25, killing eighty-three and wounding seventy. About two-hundred buildings were stated to have been destroyed.

In the raid on Oct. 30, Japanese planes are reported to have dropped eighty bombs, which resulted in ten casualties. The Italian Mission buildings were said to have been damaged in both raids.

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CABLES

SOVIET TROOPS OCCUPY ADVANCE POSTS IN THE MANNERHEIM LINE

HELSINKI, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—A Finnish official communiqué issued last night admits for the first time that the Russians have occupied advance posts in the Mannerheim Line.

Another official communiqué issued today states that on the Karelian Isthmus the enemy continued their heavy attacks on Tuesday.

Only on the Summa Sector, states the communiqué, has the enemy succeeded in occupying some of our foremost supporting points but a thrust checked them in front of our supporting points.

ATTACKS REPULSED

Everywhere else the enemy's attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the attackers.

Thousands were killed and dozens of destroyed tanks were left in front of our lines. The fighting is continuing.

North-east of Lake Ladoga our troops dispersed all enemy attempts to thrust forward and a few tanks were destroyed.

PATROL ACTIVITY

In the direction of Kuhmo (Central Finland), one Russian battalion was mown down and several "nests" were destroyed.

There was lively patrol activity in other sectors.

AIR BATTLES

The communiqué also mentions that the Finnish air defences were involved yesterday in a number of air battles and Finnish planes continued to successfully bomb the enemy concentrations and encampments.

Among other places, the Russians bombed Viipuri.

It is estimated that during the day several hundred enemy planes were in action over the country. The Finnish fighters and air defences shot down 17 enemy planes, according to confirmed reports.

COUNTER-ATTACKS

It is officially announced that successful counter-attacks were carried out today on the Karelian Isthmus. The fighting is stated to have been particularly sanguinary.

The Russians fiercely bombarded the Mannerheim Line.

A NEW SPIRIT

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—At the opening of the third week of the Russian offensive against the Mannerheim Line, the Finns are fighting with something like religious fervour, which seems to be lending them strength beyond the ordinary powers of endurance.

A Finnish officer, who has returned from the front says that the army has undergone a striking change of spirit since the beginning of the war. The heavier the fighting, the greater the unity.

ADVANCE OVER ICE

Attempts by the Russians to advance over the ice towards the flanks of the Mannerheim Line apparently met with disaster, as the Finns put up shells throwing men and tanks through the ice, into the water.

Although the Russians have now installed advanced posts on the Summa Front, they are still faced with about ten miles of continuous blockhouses, tank traps and other formidable defences.

NINE-POWER TREATY

Referring to Mr. R. A. Butler's re-assertion in Parliament on January 31 that Great Britain intends to adhere firmly to the Nine-Power Treaty, Mr. Quo Tai-chi said: "Every year since 1922 makes that Treaty's provisions more useful and more indispensable to international order and prosperity, especially to Anglo-American security and prosperity as well as to Chinese welfare."

NEW COLOURS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—His Majesty the King on Tuesday presented new colours to a battalion of the Irish Guards on the parade ground at Wellington Barracks.

He then went to the Tower of London where he presented colours to a battalion of the Welsh Guards.

On both occasions His Majesty wore the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

INDIAN FORCES:

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—Orders have been issued for the raising of three more battalions for the Indian Territorial Forces. Recruiting starts as soon as possible.

Mr. Eden:

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—It was reported from Ankara on Tuesday that Mr. Anthony Eden would visit Turkey before returning home from Egypt. This was officially denied in London.

DUTCH LOAN:

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15 (Reuter)—The Second Chamber of the Netherlands Parliament passed a Bill authorising the issue shortly of a semi-compulsory loan of 300,000,000 guilders. The Committee voted against the Bill.

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She needs, too, a creamy tinted makeup base that will prevent the surface dryness that comes from sudden weather changes or artificially heated houses during the cold months.

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Apply softening cream only after your face and throat have been thoroughly cleaned. Smooth and work it gently over the throat and face, following approved facial massage movements or going through simple facial exercises as some beauty specialists recommend after the cream has been applied.

Taut & Smooth:

This exercises and tones the elastic tissues and makes the skin taut and smooth.

Be sure to use your softening cream systematically. The very dry or sensitive skin needs its softening cream ration every single night or day.

Put it on before you have your nightly tubbing or, in the afternoon if you have time for a



WOMEN'S INTERESTS

ROUND THE SHOPS

Whatever the vagaries of Hong Kong's weather, spring has been officially announced—and in the spring, women's fancies lightly turn, of course, to fashions to suit the season.

And with the advent of spring, milady does not forget that the first big event to give her an opportunity to be in the fashion swing is the annual race meeting at the Valley—So let's take a look round the Colony's dress-making establishments to find out what each of them have to attract and beguile the ladies—

Florsheim Shoes:

The latest in smart footwear—Florsheim shoes—are undoubtedly the thing for parading the lawns at the races. Lane, Crawford's ladies' salon has a proud display of these charming shoes. They can be obtained in all sizes and in such delightful colours, with navy, black, brown and dark green standing out for the perfectly shod foot. Prices are certainly reasonable and a rush for Florsheim shoes will certainly keep the sales hands busy during the next week.

New Stocks:

Mayo's, in the Arcade, the fashion house with the keen desire to please, are also preparing to meet the demands for spring wear. A new and wide shipment of dresses, modelled with all the chic and charm that the season calls for is even now on its way and will be on display in this Arcade establishment very shortly. A special attraction in this new stock will be the large selection of spring hats—the latest models that give that polish and finish as accessories to spring frocks. Shoppers are awaiting their further announcements and Mayo's are already besieged with inquiries for further details of the beautiful thing they are bring to Hongkong.

Spring Styles:

Spring styles at Rivelle's, in the Arcade, and a wonderful selection to feast the eyes upon. The latest models in floral prints and silk crepes are there to tempt and please and every taste is bound to be satisfied, no matter how exacting. And after milady has selected a frock for the races, she will turn to the forgores evening creations with which she can grace the ballpoms for the round of dances and dinners which are always a part of the opening of the racing season. Style, allure and charm are assured in these lovely gowns.

Hat Service:

Need anything be said of the excellence of Remé's hat remodelling service so well known to the women of Hongkong? Suffice to say that her remodelling of headgear combines all the freshness and smartness of the new article and there is no limit to the style and designs she can turn out to please the customer. In addition, this Arcade establishment has a choice selection of hand-bags, gloves and novelties, those delightful little accessories that please and charm.

The Perfect Portrait:

For a perfect portrait, call in and see Studio de Luxe, 4th floor, Pedder Building, says an advertisement on this page. Many have already been to the Studio and what they have seen has convinced them that this is where photography is a real fine art and where the studio's clients can get the best satisfaction. Elsewhere in this page are a few hints for those who contemplate having their photographs taken. Study these and leave the rest to Studio de Luxe when you visit them.

A visit to the studio should not follow immediately on a visit to the hairdresser. A day or two after a shampoo the hair will appear at its best.

Beautiful portraits are obtained by colour photography. If you are having your photograph done in colour, go to the studio exactly as you wish to appear in your photograph.

The colours are reproduced so accurately that any heavy make-up is disastrous. It must be applied with discretion to achieve a natural appearance.

Don't overdo make-up, and be especially careful if you use lipstick not to apply it too heavily. Dark nail varnish comes out black in a photograph, but natural make-up is an advantage.

The sleek and good grooming of the hair are of great importance.

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The marriage took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court of Mr. Wong Chak, building contractor of No. 6 Wyndham Street, and Miss Liu Yung of No. 10 King Edward Street. Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The forthcoming marriages are announced as:

Mr. Kwok Ling-kwong, physical training instructor, of No. 36 Botham Road, second floor, and

Mrs. Peggy Lai Po-yan, of No.

33 King Tak Road, ground floor;

Mr. Sung Tsu-ken, chief art

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Terms of Sale.—As detailed in Catalogue.

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Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1940.

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Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The pace has slowed down somewhat and may be accounted for by the fact investors are waiting to learn what form War taxation will take.

BUYERS

Hotels, \$5.65.
Tramways, \$18.30.
Star Ferries, \$68.
Yaumati Ferries, \$244.
China Lights (O), \$7.90.
China Lights (N), \$4.90.
Electrics, \$57.
Telephones (O), \$25.80.
Dairy Farms (O), \$22.
Dairy Farms (N), \$21.10.
Entertainments, \$7.
Contractions (O), \$13.

SELLERS

Docks, \$22.40.
Watsons, \$2.60.

SALES

Union Ins., \$470.
Docks, \$22.15/25.
Lands, \$364.
Tramways, \$18.45.
China Lights (N), \$5.
Electrics \$57.
Dairy Farms (O), \$24/30.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 100.

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Atoks 15s, Antamok 16s, Baguio Gold 23s, Batong Buhay 01s, Big Wedge 20s, Coco Grove 14s, Com. Mines 00s, Demonstration 13s, I. X. L 37s, Ipo Gold 11s, Ilog Mining 27s, Masbate Consolidated 10s, Mine Operations 10s, North Gamarnas 09s, Paracale Gumanus 22s, San Mauricio 82s, Surigao Consolidated 17s, Suyod, Com. 12s, Paracale 30s, Mindanao Motherlode 09s.

INCOME TAX IN KWANGSI

KWEILIN, Feb. 15 (Central)—In order to ensure efficiency and facilitate collection, the Kwangsi Provincial Government has divided the entire province into nine income tax-collecting districts with head offices at Luchow, Kweilin, Yulin, Kweihsin, Lung-chow, and three other centres. Chiefs have been appointed to each office who will be assisted by special men from the local government.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	THURSDAY 15. FEB.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
\$1400	C. D.	\$27		H. K. Banks		C. D.	\$1420	
	X. D.			Do. (Col. Reg.)		X. D.	287	
	X. D.			Do. (Loc. Reg.)		X. D.	285	
				Chartered Banks		X. D.	285	
				Merchants Bks. "A"			29	
				Merchants Bks. "C"			31	
				Bank of East Asia			2128	
				N. C. & S. Banks			778	
				Insurances			50 cts.	
				Canton Insurances			2128	
				Union Insurances			465	
				Underwriters			8470	
				H. K. Fire			90 cts.	
				Shipping			180	
				Douglas			3100	
				Steamboats			104	
				Indo-China (Prot.)			100	
				Indo-China (Def.)			100	
				Shells			120	
				Waterboats			75/14	
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			73/30	
				H. K. & K. Wharves			102	
				Providents			102	
				Providents (new)			102	
				H. K. & W. Docks			223.35	
				Do. (new)			223.35	
				Shanghai Docks S.			223.35	
				New Engineering S.			223.35	
				Mining			223.35	
				Kai Lian			18/0	
				Banks			10/0	
				Do. 10			10/0	
				Venezuela Gold Fds			10/0	
				Hong Kong Mines			10/0	
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings			10/0	
				H. K. Hotels			10/0	
				H. K. Lands			10/0	
				Do. 15. Detectives			100	
				Shanghai Lands S.			100	
				H. K. Realies			100	
				H. K. Humphreys			101	
				Chinese Estates			101	
				Cotton Mills			101	
				Ewo. (B.)			101	
				B'hai Cottons (B.)			101	
				Zoom Sings (B.)			101	
				Wing On Textiles (B.)			101	
				Public Utilities			101	
				Tramways			101	
				Peak Trans. (Old)			101	
				Peak Trans. (new)			101	
				Star Ferries			101	
				Y'mai Ferries			101	
				Do. (new)			101	
				China Lights (O)			101	
				China Lights (New)			101	
				H. K. Lights Etc.			101	
				H. K. Electric			101	
				Macau Electric			101	
				Sandakan Lights			101	
				Telephones (old)			101	
				Telephones (new)			101	
				Factions			101	
				Industrials			101	
				Cald. Macq. (Old) S.			101	
				Cald. Macq. (Prot.) S.			101	
				Caonan Ins.			101	
				Canadas			101	
				Ropes			101	
				Miscellaneous			101	
				Dairy Farm (Old)			101	
				Dairy Farm (New)			101	
				Ch. F. F. (Old)			101	
				Ch. F. F. (New)			101	
				Constructions (old)			101	
				Constructions (new)			101	
				Lane Crawford			101	
				Nanyang Tobacco			101	
				Imports			101	
				Watsons			101	
				Ch. G. 5% 1936 1944			101	
				Ch. G. 5% 1936 1944			101	
				H. K. Govt. 5% Loans			101	

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 15, 1940

On London.—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 13/16

Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 13/16

Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/8

On Shanghai.—
On demand 338On Singapore.—
On demand 53 1/3On Japan.—
On demand 103 1/4On India.—
Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/8

and demand 82 1/8

On New York.—
Bank Bills, on demand 24 3/8

Credits, 60 days' sight 25

On Batavia.—
On demand 45 3/8On Paris.—
Bank Bills, on demand 1085

Credits 4 months' sight 1140

On Saigon.—
On demand 108 1/4On Manila.—
On demand 48 3/4On Bangkok.—
On demand 100 1/4On Sterling Notes.—
Bank Buying Rate 1/3 3/4

Bar Silver per oz. 20 13/16

Market Report

FROM KOZA BROS.

Market

Silver prices dropped yesterday to the extent of 3/8 for Ready and 3/18 for Forward, the quotations being 20 13/16 and 20 3/4 respectively. Silver advices reported Speculators as having sold. A small business was done. The market closed dull with sellers at 1/18 under the quoted rate. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 395 1/2.

Market
Quiet, steady but with hardly any business.

Sterling

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/27/8 February/May, buyers at 1/22/32 Cash.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24 1/2 March and 24 7/16 April, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash. 24 9/16 March and 24 1/2 April.

Shanghai Dollars

Business was arranged at 345. 345 1/2 and also 346. At the close sellers were quoted at 346, buyers bidding 347.

Shanghai Market

Sterling sellers were quoted at 45 1/8 for Spot during the early part of the morning and towards the close there were sellers at 79 3/2 U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 71 1/8.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/27/8 April/May, buyers at 1/22/32 for any delivery.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24 9/16 Cash and 24 1/2 March, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash and 24 9/16 March.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at the close were quoted at 352 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Easier. Opened with sellers for Sterling at 41 1/8 for Spot and towards the close there were buyers for Spot at 47 3/2.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 15 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4-1/8

New York 6-3/4

Japan 28-3/8

India 22-7/8

Paris 3.03

Hongkong 27-5/8

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/4-5/16 0/4-3/16

Feb. 0/4-5/16 0/4-3/16

Mar. 0/4-1/4 0/4-1/8

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$7 1/2 28-23/32

Feb. 7-3/32 6-23/32

Mar. 6-31/32 6-25/32

Market—Easy.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-3/16.

U.S. Dollars 6-7/8.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 8-1/2 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Feb. 14 (Reuter).

Government 5 1/2% Rupee, 91-0-0

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 14 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 78-3/4

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 14, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER		Previous	February 14	Closing	Opening	Closing	Change
Buyers		Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T		38-3/4	38-5/8	38-3/4	38-3/4	38-3/4	unch.
A P R I L		36-3/4	36-5/8	36-1/2	off 1/4	36-1/2	off 1/4
M A Y		35-1/2	35-1/4	35	off 1/2	35	off 1/2
J U L Y - S E P T.							

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER		Previous	close	Today's close	Buyers	Buyers	Change
S P O T		12-7/8	12-13/16	12-13/16			off 1/16
A P R I L		12-7/8	12-3/8	12-3/8			off 1/16
M A Y		11-15/16	11-15/16	11-15/16			unch.
J U L Y - S E P T.		11	11	11			unch.

The market was very quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON: Southern selling and scattered liquidation was easily absorbed by broad Trade, European and Japanese demand.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The meeting of the International Rubber Restriction Committee is to be held on February 20 (Tuesday) and a reduction of 5 per cent is anticipated. The Trade is reported to be selling against shipment purchases.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The absence of offerings on declines, despite further beneficial snows in the South-West and lack of exports, was more effective than the bulk of the buying. Complaints of ridiculous cold weather conditions in Europe are becoming an important market factor.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 148.78; Today's close 148.33; Change, off .45.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

Prev. Today's

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	11.00	10.91	10.90	11.00	.10 up
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.12	19.02	19.10	19.02	.08 off
Chicago Wheat, May	99	98	98	99	.1 up
Chicago Corn, May	56	55	55	56	.1 up
New York Hides, Mar.	14.00	13.81	13.89	13.93	.04 up
NEW YORK COTTON Close					
March	10.90/91	10.91/91	11.00/00	11.00/00	.10 up
May	10.61/62	10.64/64	10.73/74	10.73/74	.12 up
July	10.24/25	10.25/25	10.33/33	10.33/33	.09 up
July (New contract)	10.39 N	10.39b/47a	10.47/47	10.47/47	.08 up
October (")	9.60/60	9.62/61	9.72/72	9.72/72	.12 up
December (")	9.47 N	9.50/50	9.59/60	9.59/60	.12 up
January (")	9.43 N	9.47/47	9.55 N	9.55 N	.12 up
Spot	11.01 N	—	11.11 N	11.11 N	.10 up
Total sales yesterday:—106,800 bales.					

First Notice Day for March Cotton—27/2—Last Notice Day—15/3

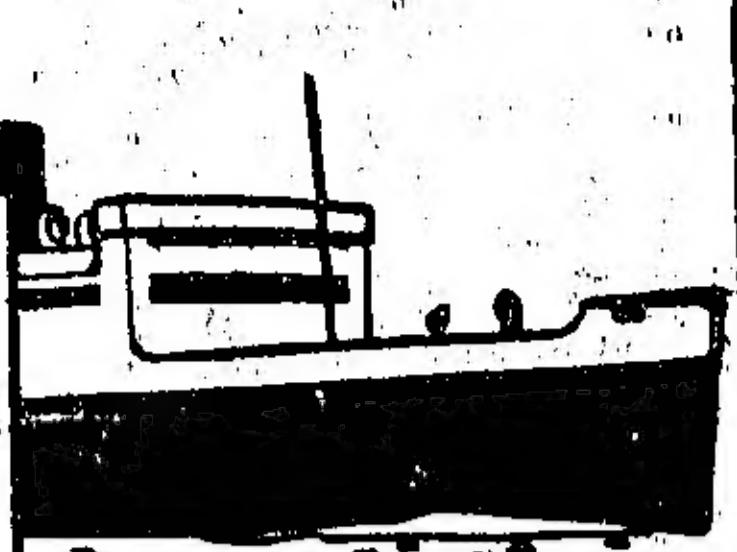
NEW YORK RUBBER		Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	19.10/10	19.02b/10a	19.02/02	19.02/02	.08 off
May	18.64/64	18.57b/65a	18.54/54	18.54/54	.10 off
July	18.32/32	18.24/24	18.17/20	18.17/20	.15 off
September	18.05/10a	—	17.95/98	17.95/98	.10 off
December	—	—	17.00/00	17.00/00	—

Total sales:—1,270 tons.

First Notice Day for March Rubber—28/2—Last Trading Day—27/3

CHICAGO WHEAT		High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Feb. 13	High
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Feb. 15.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.29 ins.
Temperature, 60 F.
Humidity, 83 per cent.
Wind Direction, East.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Temperature: maximum yesterday
72 F.
Temperature, minimum last night
57 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m.
today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st
0.22 ins.

Against an average of, 2.05 ins.
Sunrise tonight, 6.20 p.m.
Sunrise to-morrow, 6.58 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.19 ins.

Temperature, 61 F.

Humidity, 75 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 68 F.

Minimum temperature, 57 F.

Rainfall, nil.

SHIPS LOST AT SEA

THREE BRITISH VESSELS

LONDON, Feb. 15 (Reuters)—
Two British tankers were lost in
the North Sea on Tuesday.

The Gretafield was sunk off the
North-east coast of Scotland and
twenty-eight of her crew were
rescued, while thirteen are
missing.

The British Triumph (8,501 tons)
capitulated after an explosion, her
crew of forty-two are safe.

FIVE MISSING

A later message stated that five
men are believed to be missing
from the British Triumph.

Twenty-nine of the members of
her crew landed at an east coast
port and twenty-one at a second
port.

TWICE SHIPWRECKED

The sixteen-year-old wireless
operator told how, twice in two
months, he had been rescued from
oil tankers sunk by explosions.

It was his second voyage on a
British boat and on each occasion
he had been shipwrecked.

On Dec. 2 he was assistant wireless
operator on the tanker San
Calisto, which struck a mine and
sank; he received an internal injury,
necessitating an operation.

He had only just recovered, when
he joined the British Triumph.

SAFE AND SOUND

A reporter who went on board
the Repulse reports that she is
"quite safe and sound" despite
Dr. Goebbels.

An officer told him that, although
she had no heroic saga to sing, she put in 130 days
steaming before returning to the
base.

SHIPWRECKED

The British Triumph was at-
tacked by enemy aircraft in the
Great Yarmouth roadstead a
fortnight ago.

SHIP TORPEDOED

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuters)—

The Mackay Radio reports that
the British steamer Sultan Star

(12,000 tons) was torpedoed at

4.42 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday.

Her crew are abandoning the ship.

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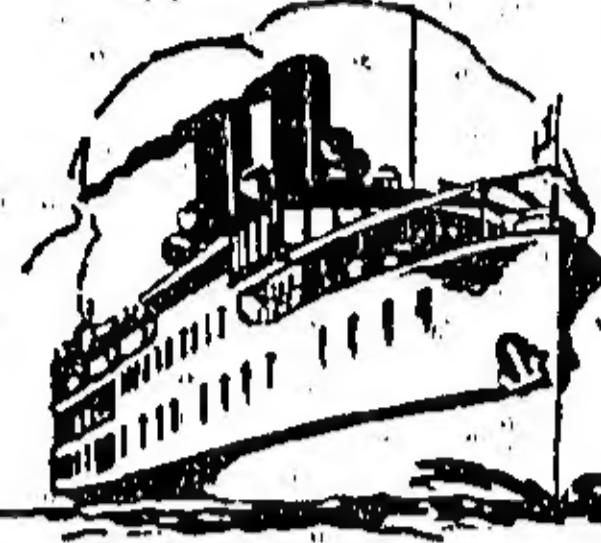
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PROSPECTS FOR ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Continued from Page 2

of Confusion Bay, the Dunbar interests are likely to be represented by Bear Claw.

BENDIGO HANDICAP

This six furlongs sprint for "A" Class Australians will be well contested. Lancashire Chips should be right up at the finish and very near winning, with Mr. Wei in the saddle. There are quite a number of well known sprinters entered and consequently the ultimate winner may be difficult to spot. Devonian (Mr. Black) is also in excellent condition while other probable starters are A Great Time (Mr. B. L. Tao), Cocklehol, Criffel and Courting Eve (Mr. Pinn).

There is no news of Strathroy and I have not seen him in the mornings though reports are to the effect that this ex-champion does his work-outs later in the day. At the time of writing my selections are Lancashire Chips, Courting Eve and Devonian. To those looking for bigger dividends, it would be well to follow A Great Time or Criffel, preferably the former.

THE MAIDEN STAKES

It is difficult to ascertain the probable starters, but on the assumption that certain ponies, as mentioned above, will not be starting, until Monday, and Saturday, Dupont Bay and Johnber are reserved for The Trial Plate, the race will develop into a struggle between Racylight, Possible, Craigavon, White Diamond, O-Lan and possibly Gribber. The start will be quite a factor in determining the eventual winner, but I believe Racylight should just about to do the trick with Possible and O-Lan close up. Craigavon is dangerous and may upset here though this bay, I think, would run better over a longer distance. White Diamond is the best one to follow, if you are looking for something to beat the favourites.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (FIRST SECTION)

In view of consistently good times returned during the past two months in training I nominate Australian Diamond as the winner. This chestnut will be ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao. Ascot Day (Mr. L. B. Chao) and Amicus Curiae, whom I understand will be ridden by Mr. R. B. Moller, will furnish the main opposition. Many

This is the first leg of the Daily Double and usually an indication as to the capabilities of the Derby runners. Satinlight is my choice unless Spicylight is saddled instead. Dupont Bay may be sent out here instead of the Maiden Stakes and this pony will furnish the opposition to the Cire nomination. Johnber is as game and true as they make them and as this pony is in the best condition at the moment his chances cannot be ignored.

Ohio has some nice gallops to his credit but seems to have gone off a little and does not finish too strongly. For All Time has an outside chance. The Eu Tong Sen stable will probably rely on Bronze Arrow, but I do not like his chances at all. Craigavon, if started here, instead of earlier in the day should have a big following and will be dangerous. This bay should secure a place, at the very least.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (SECOND SECTION)

On paper the lastie appears to be between two ponies, Sapper and Viceroy, with the former just about getting home. Perola d'Oriente and Pumelo may show up to advantage especially the former. Contact is an unknown quantity not having done anything of note in the morning gallops but being a nice easy mover will bear watching. Radon should be better over longer distance races. Cire is quite fast and will run the favourites close.

CURRAGH HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Advancing Time if taken out by strong and experienced jockey should just about do the trick here, although Strathbannock, who is in fine fettle, and Salvage Master, will make a bold bid for premier honours. Soldier of Britain seems to be getting on in years and has lost a great deal of vigour, but this grey is still worth a bet. This event is the second leg of the Daily Double.

SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION)

Far View, Sparrow and Sea Jay should put up an exciting finish between them and the result will probably be very close. Of the three, however, I personally prefer the chances of the first-named, who will be ridden by Mr. Pinn. This is undoubtedly the best of the three Sydney Maidens as such entrants as Flying Dutchman, Vanity Fair and Franklin have all shown up well in recent work-outs and with the aid of a flying start may beat the better fancied ones.

My final selections will appear in tomorrow's issue.

Another Nazi Ship Slips Out In Dash To Safety

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 15 (Reuters)—With 60 tons of coffee, lard, cotton and grain aboard, the German freighter, Uruguay, 5,846 tons, of the Hamburg-South America Line, slipped out of Pernambuco yesterday.

LAST OF TEN

She was the last of ten German vessels lying there to sail. At the same time, the Koenigsberg, 6,468 tons, the Norddeutscher Lloyd freighter, sailed from the Amazon delta, but is reported to have stopped later at Galvota Island some 75 miles down the estuary, presumably awaiting instructions from Germany.

The whereabouts of the La Corona, a Hamburg-South America vessel of 7,000 tons, an oil-burning passenger ship, are still unknown.

ADMIRAL'S STATEMENT

Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, in a statement to the Press, emphasised that H.M.S. Hawkins was not involved in any incidents with German ships, thus, ruling out the possibility that the cruiser could have been concerned in the scuttling of the Wolsburg which, like the Wakama, is reported to have opened her seacocks off the north coast of Brazil when a British warship was sighted.

It is learned unofficially that H.M.S. Hawkins will remain at Rio for 48 hours instead of 24 as at first reported. The need for slight repairs to her machinery is given as the reason.

"Pittman Assails Nazi Threat"

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (Reuters)—Pittman assails Reich threat to sink United States ships, and blames British also for Nazi claim of right to torpedo vessels in Gibraltar, are headings under which the New York Herald-Tribune quotes Senator K. V. Pittman as saying that "it was unjustifiable and inhuman that such vessels could be submarine without notice."

Senator Pittman is also reported as saying: "It was also unjustifiable and inhuman for the German Government, or any other Government, to submarine a neutral vessel departing from a port of a belligerent country, especially an American vessel which Germany knows did not enter a port voluntarily."

ROOSEVELT STARTS OFF ON HOLIDAY: UNUSUAL SECRECY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Reuters)—President Roosevelt entrained for the south on a holiday. It is understood that he will embark on the cruiser Tuscaloosa at Pensacola, Florida, for a short cruise.

White House has offered no explanation for the unusual secrecy as regards the trip, but it is thought that President Roosevelt might extend the cruise to a region where neutrality patrol vessels are keeping watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Chinese Sentenced To Death

Lee Tin-yeung, one of two men charged at the Criminal Sessions with the murder at Ap malin on Nov. 5, of an old woman, named Lam Po, was found guilty yesterday and sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor.

Lee Tsu, second accused, was found not guilty and discharged.

CROWN'S CASE

The Crown's case was that the two men had gone to the old woman's house to steal chickens and had strangled her when she attempted to cry for help. Both men denied having done anything to cause the woman's death, though both admitted the plan to steal chickens.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Mr. C. Mottram, Mr. Inglis Ho sand, instructed by Mr. A. J. Arculli, defended first accused, while second accused was defended by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall.

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